Minutes: Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

Date, time, and

place

Date: September 19, 2008 Time: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Place: Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, Iowa

Attendees

Present: Michael Acarregui, Gladys Alvarez, Jeff Anderson (Mary Nelson), Scott Beall, Mary Jane Bortherson, LaMark Combs, Sara Freiberg, Gina Greene, Andrew Hall, Kelly Hancock, Stacy Kramer, Pablo Quintanilla, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Debra Sixta, Carrie Sodders, Mary Stevens,

JoAnn Stone, Beth Troutman, David Van Horn, Nansi Woods **Staff:** Julie Curry, Kelly Schulte, Cindy Weigel, Susan White

Excused: Jodi Angus, Daryl Beall, Jane Borst, Angela Burke Boston, Ron

Koch, Troy McCarthy, Barbara Merrill, Shanell Wagler **Guests:** Lisa Naig, Tom Rendon, Wendy Stone, Lori Wertz

Call to order

Kelly Hancock called the meeting to order and introductions of Council members and visitors took place. Quorum was established.

Approval of previous minutes

Kelly Hancock entertained a motion for approval of May 16, 2008 minutes. The Council approved the May 16, 2008 minutes as entered.

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Family Story	Gina Greene
Nominating Committee Election	Mary Stevens
Officers	
Executive Committee Update	Kelly Hancock
Lead Agency & Signatory Update	LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl
Service Coordination Panel	Kelly Hancock
Family Survey	Julie Curry
ICEA Standing Committee Reports	Council Members

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Family Story

Gina Greene, Council member, shared her family's story of their son, Tyler. Tyler was born with Cerebral Palsy and other health issues that have him confined to a wheel chair. Tyler is 18 years old and just graduated from high school. He has had many speech, physical and occupational therapies, home nursing and nutritionists. Tyler's medical condition has not slowed him down. He has prepared a video and has received numerous statewide and national awards for his video and speaking engagements.

Nominating committee election

Mary Stevens made a motion to the Council for nominating Kelly Hancock and Ron Koch as representatives for the Chair and Co-Chair for 2008-09. Motions approved for Kelly Hancock (Chair) and Ron Koch (Co-Chair) for the 2008-09 Iowa Council for Early ACCESS.

Executive committee update

Julie Curry presented highlights from the Executive Committee meeting which was held September 10, 2008.

- Memorandum agreement has been signed by the Lead Agency and Signatory Agencies.
- Received a letter from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) that Iowa has met all requirements under Part C; second year in a row.
- Debra Waldron is the new co-director at Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)
- A communication plan has been developed to inform EA stakeholders about the EA Informal concerns process.
- Medicaid

Lead agency & signatory update

LauraBelle provided updates to the Council.

- Developing statewide template across AEA and Signatory Agencies for IFSP.
- Former Early Childhood Consultant, Kathy Wilson, passed away. She worked hard on the Professional Development Competency Modules.
- Had a summer visit by researchers conducting a study for OSEP. Their visit with the Early Childhood Services Bureau was to look how we implement and monitor our system. Kelly Hancock, Troy McCarthy and David Van Horn participated via phone conferencing.

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Service coordination panel

Kelly Hancock introduced two EA Service Coordinators that work in the Des Moines Public Schools. Wendy Stone and Lori Wertz. Wendy a teacher and Lori a nurse, provide service coordination as a dual role. They spoke of their visits and their typical day routine and answered Council member's questions.

Family survey

Julie Curry led discussion about family survey. Iowa has been using a family survey that was developed by a national organization get feedback from families receiving Early Intervention services. Handouts of the survey were given for discussion. The 21 circled items are to help measure Indicator C4 A, B, and C for reporting to OSEP, though there are 49 items parents are asked to complete. Council members discussed the pros and cons of shortening the survey. A motion to shorten the survey to 21 questions was entered and carried.

ICEA standing committee reports

Council members representing the following committees gave an update.

Committee/Member	Update
Public Policy/LaMark Combs	None
By Laws/Debra Sixta	None
Nominating/Mary Stevens	None
Membership/Ron Koch	None
Governor's Report/Carrie Sodders	Updated new members of the
	Council's reports and that they are
	widely distributed to other agencies
	and the general public.

Adjournment

Kelly Hancock thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting

Friday, November 21, 2008 Stoney Creek Inn 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.